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Man Charged with Killing Pomona Woman and Her Dog, Burning Apartment

A man has been charged with the stabbing death of a 58-year-old woman he briefly dated, killing her dog and then setting fire to her Pomona apartment, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Chaumon Wayan Tyner (dob 3/2/69) of Inglewood faces one count each of murder, cruelty to an animal and arson of an inhabited structure.

Deputy District Attorney Phillip Stirling said Tyner is alleged to have used scissors in the killing and was previously convicted of felonies such as robbery, burglary and grand theft.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department N of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pomona Branch. Case KA120629 was filed on March 29.

Victim Ronnie Sue Wall and her dog were killed on March 18, the prosecutor said. Tyner then allegedly ransacked the victim's residence and started a fire before fleeing the scene with her car, the prosecutor added. The apartment's sprinkler system extinguished the fire.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 76 years to life in state prison. Bail is set at \$2.45 million.

The case remains under investigation by the Pomona Police Department.

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